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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-12, 14 and 15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 10/22/2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>06/24/2004</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicants' election without traverse of Group II, claim 13 on July 15, 2004 is acknowledged. Applicants' election of species, a detectable label, is also acknowledged. Claims 1-15 are pending. Claim 13 is currently under consideration. All other claims are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed on 6/24/2004 has been considered by the Examiner and a signed copy of the substitute form PTO-1449 is attached to the office action.

Drawings

3. The drawings submitted on 10/22/2003 are accepted by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections—35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Gether et al. (IDS, The EMBO Journal 16:6737-6747, 1997).

Gether et al. teach a method for directly monitoring conformational changes in a G protein coupled receptor, beta2 adrenergic receptor (a MSST) induced by an agonist or an antagonist. The beta2 adrenergic receptor was covalently labeled by a cysteine-selective and environmentally sensitive, fluorescent probe, N,N'-dimethyl-N-(iodoacetyl)-N'-(7-nitrobenz-2-oxa-1,3-diazol-4-yl)ethylenediamine (IANBD). Gether et al. also teach attachment of IANBD to amino acid residues of the confirmationally sensitive regions, including ²⁶⁵Cys in the third intracellular loop (See, e.g., Abstract; Figs. 1 and 2; and Table I). Since the measurement of fluorescence was done in a cuvette (see cited reference of Gether et al, J.B.C 270:28268-28275, 1995), the beta2 adrenergic receptor would be attached to the cuvette (a immobilization phase), via either the N-terminal portion or C-terminal portion. Gether et al. further teach purification the receptors by nickel-column chromatography using chelating Sepharose (see purification procedures at page 6745). Thus, the reference of Gether et al. meets the limitations of claim 13.

Claim Objections—Minor Informalities

6. Claim 1 is objected to because it depends upon unelected claims. Appropriate correction is required.

Advisory Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ruixiang Li whose telephone number is (571) 272-0875. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback, can be reached on (571) 272-0961.

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Examiner
September 27, 2004